

REMARKS

The Office Action dated October 21, 2004 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, drawings, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 2-4 and 6 are amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. Claims 1 and 8-12 are cancelled without prejudice. Figure 3 is amended. No new matter has been added and no new issues are raised which require further consideration and/or search. Claims 2-7 are respectfully submitted for consideration.

The Office Action indicated that claims 2-7 contained allowable subject matter and would be allowable if amended to be in independent form. Accordingly, claims 2-4 and 6 are amended into independent form including the subject matter of the base claim. Claims 1 and 8-12 are cancelled without prejudice.

The Office Action objects to the drawings. Specifically, the Office Action states that the drawings are objected to because all elements in the figures and flow charts are required to be distinctly labeled with an appropriate legend.

It is respectfully submitted that the amendment to Figure 3 that adds appropriate legends, obviates the objection to the drawings. It is respectfully submitted that the drawings are in accordance with 37 CFR 1.84(o). Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 8-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,307,867 to Roobol.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

The attached drawing sheet includes changes to Figure 3. The attached replacement sheet including Figure 2 and Figure 3 replaces the original sheet. Figure 2 is unchanged

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 8-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,671,287 to Huttunen. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

It is respectfully submitted that the rejections of claims 1 and 8-12 are moot in light of the cancellation of these claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objects to claims 2-7 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten into independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, claim 2-4 and 6 are amended to be in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-4 and 6 are in condition for allowance.

Regarding claim 5, it is respectfully submitted that since claim 5 depends from claim 4, claim 5 is allowable at least for the same reasons as claim 4.

Regarding claim 7, it is respectfully submitted that since claim 7 depends from claim 6, claim 7 is allowable at least for the same reasons as claim 6.

As discussed above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-7 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection of claims 2-7 is respectfully requested.

It is therefore respectfully requested that all of claims 2-7 be allowed and this application pass to issue.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicants'

undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,



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